

Water

-They shut off the water!

-Just about in the entire world. Well, I warned years ago that The Oligarchy gave up on oil and switched to water.

-But what'll I do?

-Not a bad-looking TV. Get a kid to help you haul it out to the street. Guys are selling water from pickups. Probably give you a case for it.

-But why did they turn off the water?

-To show they can. Then they'll quadruple the rates and there won't be a peep.

-But you're a government official and...

-That's a laugh. What government? I go through the motions for old time's sake.

-It's anarchy now!

-That's another laugh. Ten times worse. Total chaos! Everybody getting a chance to shoot his gun. And when bullets run out, you beat the crap out of anyone weaker.

-But all this violent insanity can't benefit anyone.

-The billionaires think it can...trillionaires some of them.

-But this is America!

-That's the third laugh you gave me! You're an old comedian!